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Title:

DIAGNOSTIC DEVICES AND APPARATUS FOR THE CONTROLLED MOVEMENT

OF REAGENTS WITHOUT

**MEMBRANES** 

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# CONTINUING PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents **Box PATENT APPLICATION** Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) is a:

[X] Continuation [] Division [] Continuation-In-Part (CIP)

of the above-identified copending prior application in which no patenting, abandonment, or termination of proceedings has occurred. Priority to the above-identified prior application is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 for this continuing application. The entire disclosure of the above-identified prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuing application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

[X] Applicant claims small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27.

#### Enclosed are:

- [ X ] Specification, Claim(s), and Abstract (67 pages).
- [ X ] Informal drawings (18 sheets, Figures 1-16).
- Declaration and Power of Attorney (3 pages). [ X ]

- [ ] Assignment of the invention to BIOSITE INCORPORATED.
- [ ] Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet.
- [X] Small Entity statement.
- [ ] Request for application not to be published with certification under 35 USC 122(b)(2)(B)(i).
- [ ] Information Disclosure Statement.
- [ ] Form PTO-1449 with copies of listed reference(s).
- [X] Preliminary Amendment.
- [X] Application Data Sheet (37 CFR 1.76).

## The filing fee is calculated below:

|  | Claims   |                   | Included in |     | Extra  |      |           |        | Fee      |
|--|--|-------------------|-------------|-----|--------|------|-----------|--------|----------|
|  | as Filed                                       | Basic Fee         |             |     | Claims | Rate |           | Totals |          |
| Basic Fee  |  |                   |             |     |        |      | \$740.00  |        | \$740.00 |
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